

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of OCTOBER, 1945.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to  
Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State  
Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances;  
Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy;  
Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade;  
Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported;  
Prices; Employment; and Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area).

## POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st March 1945 was  
estimated to be 489,691.

## MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

(Issues prior to April 1945 contained particulars for Metropolitan Area only).

Note: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

			SEPTEMBER		9 months ended September	
			1945	1944	1945	1944
Marriages	..	No.	252	327	2,777	3,404
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population.	6.22	8.20	7.57	9.38
Births	..	No.	791	864	8,175	8,159
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	19.53	21.67	22.28	22.49
Deaths	..	No.	375	428	3,518	3,416
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	9.26	10.74	9.59	9.42
Infant Mortality	No.		31	37	241	275
"	"	Rate per 1000 live births	39.19	42.82	29.48	33.71
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -						
Tuberculosis			6	10	123	118
Cancer			41	41	427	410
Influenza			4	1	7	9
Diphtheria			2	5	15	19
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			26	45	335	296
Arteriosclerosis			11	15	132	136
Diseases of the Heart			127	128	984	829
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia			23	35	199	267
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			3	3	37	42
Nephritis			19	17	145	133
Diseases of Early Infancy			18	18	135	141
Senility			8	15	110	142
Accidents			22	15	189	185
All Other Causes			65	80	680	689
Total			375	428	3,518	3,416

\*Equivalent Annual Rate.

See Overleaf.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the ten months ended October 1945 totalled 182,632 acres, a decrease of 11,039 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,375,967 acres, a decrease of 809,338 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of October		4 months ended October	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue ..	999,152	1,025,839	4,092,204	4,243,781
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.0.7d.	£2.2.2d.	£8.6.4d.	£8.14.7d.
Expenditure ..	1,174,375	1,066,735	4,653,641	4,427,092
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.7.8d.	£2.3.10d.	£9. 9.1d.	£9. 2.1d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st October 1945 amounted to £33,951,885, or £68.17.4d. per head of population, as against £27,976,809, or £57.8.8d. per head as at the 31st October last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 29th October 1945 amounted to £3,051,112, compared with £2,876,904 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds			October		4 months ended October	
			1945	1944	1945	1944
Transfers ..	(No.		1,115	928	3,992	3,461
	(£.		594,146	289,849	1,767,572	1,300,700
Mortgages ..	(No.		438	232	1,430	890
	(£.		354,469	192,774	1,382,290	921,330
Discharges of Mortgages	No.		648	468	2,377	1,993

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross).		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
1944 -				
October	1,099,405	509,349	1,394,583	116,416
November	874,649	771,898	1,622,266	112,531
December	712,619	567,240	1,395,211	112,383
1945 -				
January	808,314	604,283	1,708,485	128,267
February	711,327	640,732	1,180,561	109,340
March	697,298	750,151	1,362,562	108,056
April	765,446	685,948	1,276,250	110,919
May	854,328	759,824	1,739,042	129,591
June	787,976	813,528	1,454,764	118,410
July	746,309	671,083	1,543,774	113,791
August	789,944	794,990	1,376,342	122,199
September	740,005	1,022,344	1,296,822	117,040
October	915,297	627,467	1,420,116	121,706



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

13 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £483,000, and 11 foreign Companies were registered for the four months ended 31st October, 1945. For the corresponding period last year there were registered 2 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £5,500 and 2 foreign companies,

BANKRUPTCY.

	4 months ended 31st October					
	1945			1944		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	7	11,601	5,653	-	-	-
Deeds of Assignment (a)	1	2,025	230	-	-	-
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

		SEPTEMBER		3 months ended September	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Gross Earnings	£.	312,700	377,300	961,500	1,107,600
Working Expenses	£.	312,987	311,749	962,901	929,968
Train miles run		478,500	524,089	1,500,459	1,583,007
Passenger Journeys		(b) 1,367,301	1,650,246	(a)	4,551,542
Tonnage carried -					
Paying Goods		189,467	257,643	585,951	740,314
Livestock		10,200	12,784	29,139	34,084
Departmental (Free Freight)		33,134	44,053	112,176	131,458
Total		232,801	314,480	727,266	905,856
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		23,409,884	26,857,395	75,448,066	79,670,476
Livestock		1,220,050	1,388,579	3,252,180	3,603,246
Departmental (Free Freight)		4,509,121	6,545,782	16,057,793	19,570,746
Total		29,139,055	34,791,756	94,758,039	102,844,468

(a) Not available.

(b) Figures for August.

## MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

## (1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year								
1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
1945 -								
January	5	8	-	12	5	30	-	15
February	-	15	1	-	-	38	1	4
March	1	26	1	24	3	33	1	33
April	1	20	-	2	1	79	-	8
May	2	22	2	24	2	110	4	55
June	6	20	-	7	9	20	-	7
July	-	20	2	7	-	34	2	8
August	-	12	-	7	-	21	-	7
September	2	19	-	4	2	29	-	6
October	5	21	1	4	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).  
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944 -								
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	276	4,324
December	18,083	6,244	246	2,491	30,051	22,946	298	4,031
1945 -								
January	18,135	6,305	242	2,543	29,754	22,042	289	4,043
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
July	17,732	6,019	186	2,483	29,013	22,253	213	3,861
August	17,919	6,171	193	2,635	29,555	23,175	223	4,185
Sept.	17,950	6,183	193	2,637	29,699	23,549	226	4,278
October	18,195	6,528	199	2,932	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

## (3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles).

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1945 - SEPTEMBER	89	401	5	6

## TRADE,

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) during the three months ended September 1945 and 1944 respectively, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	September		3 months ended September		September		3 months ended September	
	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
Overseas	551	366	1,270	1,515	915	1,328	3,211	3,427
Interstate	1,456	1,353	3,913	3,636	1,031	292	2,131	690
Total	2,007	1,719	5,183	5,151	1,946	1,620	5,342	4,117



BUILDING ACTIVITY.(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
OCTOBER, 1945.	113	93,108	2	3,751	228	59,354	343	156,213
OCTOBER, 1944	25	12,568	1	210	106	6,400	132	19,178
4 months ended October, 1945.	392	303,543	8	8,537	781	112,758	1181	424,838
4 months ended October, 1944	140	91,294	6	10,043	376	98,229	522	199,566

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.  
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
OCTOBER, 1945	24	16,812	2	1,292	26	1,194	52	19,298
OCTOBER, 1944	-	-	3	998	31	1,255	34	2,253
4 months ended October 1945	49	37,913	8	3,307	113	8,116	170	49,336
4 months ended October 1944	18	14,555	5	1,306	98	7,441	121	23,302

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,662,429 lbs. were produced during September 1945, and 4,147,277 lbs. for the three months ended September 1945, as against 1,805,951 lbs. and 4,328,955 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		OCTOBER		10 months ended October	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Quantity	Fine Oz.	34,108	37,331	389,199	388,001
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	367,090	395,711	4,156,261	4,070,409

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the ten months ended October 1945 amounted to £266,666 as against £338,438 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	OCTOBER		4 months ended October	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Food and Groceries:				
Metropolitan Area	1054	1056	1064	1064
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1184	1183	1195	1187
Northam	1061	1063	1073	1076
Bunbury	1035	1035	1047	1046
Geraldton	1078	1085	1087	1105

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees) = 100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees) = 1000)				
	1941	1942	1943	1944(a)	1945(a)	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	109	116	128	137	142	-	1014	865	826	870
February	111	118	130	138	143	-	986	861	824	868
March	112	118	132	139	142	-	962	846	825	877
April	111	118	134	139	142	-	955	835	827	876
May	112	119	134	140	143	-	927	836	832	891
June	113	118	135	139	143	-	907	835	829	903
July	113	117	136	140(a)	143	1000	888	828	832	907
August	113	119	136	140	142	987	882	814	832	914
September	114	120	137	140		994	877	806	834	
October	115	122	138	141		996	874	801	837	
November	116	123	136	142		1016	873	814	851	
December	118	124	137	143		1028	886	840	886	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1944 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	OCTOBER		4 months ended October	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Units Generated .. (1000 K.W.H.)	15,341	15,291	62,477	63,063
Units Sold .. (1000 K.W.H.)	12,544	14,015	53,356	53,968

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
OCTOBER, 1945	5,065	475	129,821	15,611
OCTOBER, 1944	4,611	419	174,410	13,240
Ten months ended October 1945	58,443	3,069	700,922	134,398
Ten months ended October 1944	43,152	3,156	858,775	126,305